(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Strengthening of Police Infrastructure

*613. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propvides financial assistance to the State Governments for strengthening their police infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details of the financial assistance provided to Gujarat during the last five years for police infrastructure in the State, year-wise; and

(c) how much financial assistance is proposed to be given to the State during 1998-99 for the purpose?

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During the last five years, a total amount of Rs. 513.790 lakhs was released to the State Government of Gujarat under the Scheme as per details given below:—

Year	Amount Released (Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	123.220
1994-95	Nil
1995-96	190.180
1996-97	150.180
1997-98	150.180

No funds were released during the year 1994-95 as the Utilisation Certificates for the previous years were not furnished by the State Government.

The allocation for the Government of Gujarat under the Scheme for the current year, i.e., 1998-99, is Rs. 150.180 lakhs. Out of this, the first instalment of Rs. 75.09 lakhs has already been released.

Corruption in police force

*614. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Corruption seeps into top levels of police" as reported in "The Hindustan Times", dated the 17th June, 1998;

(b) if so, whether corruption at the top level of police have increased alarmingly and the innocent persons are harassed by them;

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THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no evidence to justify the conclusion that there is any wide-spread corruption at the top levels of Delhi Police.

(c) and (d) The machinery to check and contain corruption in public services, including police, through prevention, surveillance & detection and punitive deterrent action already exists. The Central Vigilance Commission, the Central Bureau of Investigation and the internal vigilance set-ups in the Ministries/Departments are the agencies involved in this task. The Prevention of Corruption Act duly supported by the Conduct Rules governing the service conditions of public servants also act as deterrents against corruption. The drive against corruption in public services is a continuing process in the Government's resolve to provide a clean administration.